

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

Genesis 12:1–4a † 2 Timothy 1:8b–10 † Matthew 17:1–9



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“Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.” Certainly, this opening gospel sentence reminds me of the wonderful call to be chosen by our God. However, what really struck me was Jesus’ obvious need and desire for companionship. It reminds me of our own need for one another whether it’s our families, communities, workplace colleagues and, of course, friends.

In our St. Aloysius Lenten reflection booklet, *Lent: Not by Bread Alone 2020* by Michelle Franci-Donnay, the following passage was offered:

We are asked to love without limits, so that we might grasp that God’s love for us is limitless. This is what saves us. Not professing a creed or even going to Mass. In his essay “The Weight of Glory,” C.S. Lewis reminds us that next to the Eucharist itself, our neighbor is the holiest thing we encounter; there are no ordinary people, every person is ablaze with God.

At the conclusion of today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus say to his companions: “Rise, and do not be afraid.” May we hear and say the same to our companions. What a blessing!